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In re Application of:

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OF CONTROLLING CLIENT SEARCHES

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 3, 2002 OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 3, 2002. Please consider the above-identified patent application in view of the amendments and remarks presented hereinafter.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

1. Please substitute the following clean paragraph for the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 27:

The search engine 160 initiates indexing or spidering by transmitting an indexing request 250 to the search engine interface 136 (no direct access provided). In one embodiment, the search engine interface 136 modifies the indexing request 250 and then calls and gathers the requested information in the indexing communication 260. The results are then transmitted to the search engine 160 in the indexing reply 270 for storage in the search engine collections 166. In another embodiment, the search engine interface 136 is configured to pass the indexing request 250 to the content files 150 to gather all the request information in the indexing communication 260. In this embodiment, the search engine interface 136 then acts to inspect the